

HOUSE RESOLUTION 333
By Fitzhugh

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Blake McAdams of
Ripley High School on his outstanding athletic
and academic achievements.

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly will pause to commend those
athletes whose prowess upon the fields of play is deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Blake McAdams is one such athlete, a young man whose dedication to
excellence and ability in the sports of football and baseball are matched by few and have
garnered him statewide acclaim and recognition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McAdams has brought great honor to this State through his magnificent
exploits on the diamond and the gridiron; his supreme skill and competitive drive have
precipitated remarkable success, both individually and for his team; and

WHEREAS, a truly gifted baseball player, Blake McAdams was named the 2003 TBCA
Class AA Player of the Year as he helped lead the Ripley Tigers to their first TSSAA Class AA
State Championship; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Blake was also named to the All-State and All-Region baseball
teams, and was selected to both the All District Tournament team and the Aaron Schuh All-
Tournament team for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 award winner for Highest Batting Average, Mr. McAdams boasts a
lifetime .402 batting average, an on base percentage of .564, a slugging percentage of .626, 51
hits, 12 doubles, 4 home runs, 46 runs batted in, 39 runs scored, and a pitching record of 4-1
with an 2.40 earned run average; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished multi-sport athlete who was named Defensive Most
Valuable Player on his Freshman basketball team, Blake McAdams is also truly exceptional on
the football field as a three-year starter at Quarterback, Safety, and Punter; and

WHEREAS, through his Junior season, Blake has rushed for 847 yards and 17 touchdowns, completed 247 of 492 passing attempts for 3,460 yards and 23 touchdowns while making 73 solo tackles, 50 assisted tackles, 123 total hits, 8 tackles for a loss and 5 interceptions, as well as punting 100 times for 3,662 yards for a 37 yards per punt average; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his brilliance on the field, in 2003 Blake McAdams was named to the Tennessee Sports Writers Class AAA All-State Football Team, selected as Pre-Season All-State Punter by Murphy Fair, named Region 7-AAA Player of the Year and 1st Team Punter, in addition to being recognized by *The Jackson Sun* as All-West Tennessee Player of the Week; and

WHEREAS, a true football hero from the beginning of his illustrious career, in 2002 Blake was named Most Valuable Offensive Player, All-West Tennessee Punter, All Region 7-AAA 1st Team Punter and 1st Team Quarterback, and during 2001 he was named All Region 7-AAA 2nd Team Punter and winner of the Head Hunter Award; and

WHEREAS, a star in the classroom as well as on the playing fields, Blake is a three-year member of Beta Club, recipient of the Social Studies Award, and a former Student Council member, in addition to ranking 6th among 200 students through the 10th grade with an overall grade point average of 94.83; and

WHEREAS, a testimony to the benefits of determination, practice, and hard work, his accomplishments as a scholar and an athlete are worthy of the praise of this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate and commend Blake McAdams upon his amazing athletic accomplishments, salute his excellence on the playing field and in the classroom, and offer our most sincere wishes for every future success in all of his endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.